

PLACES AND PEOPLE OF HOPE





City Park (www.neworleanscitypark.org)

1200+ acres – 13 miles of lagoons... Founded on private philanthropy
Improved during depression(WPA/CCC) ...Sustained by community will...
Incubator for urban kids contact with active environmentalism

Ponchartrain Conservancy (www.scienceforourcoast.org)

Begun as grass roots organization on one environmental issue/space

Grew into multi-faceted, science based, nationally recognized actor

Current agent of science based, practical solutions to challenges of coastal land loss, resiliency and learning how to “live with water” in sustainable ways

Focus on science, education, advocacy



Hope Based on Recent Experience

**Younger Generations
Very Invested**

Many schools have active outdoor program involvement





Coastal Roots (www.lsu.edu@coastalroots)

Students from 2nd grade through high school are taking part in this project to learn about and become environmental stewards of their natural resources by establishing native plant nurseries at their schools. They grow native tree seedlings and grass plugs that they will plant in a coastal habitat restoration project in south Louisiana.

(50+ schools statewide- Newman & Country Day “in that number”)



Grow Dat

(www.growdatyouthfarm.org)

Located in City Park

Mission is to nurture a diverse group of young leaders through the meaningful work of growing food

Grow @35,000 pounds of food/year
30% donated to Shared Harvest

Tulane Law Clinic

([www.law.tulane.edu>clinics>environmental](http://www.law.tulane.edu/clinics/environmental))

University students have impact at several levels

Williams Nurturing / Educating Many of Them / Several in N.O.





Augustine Whyte (Class of 2003)

Got to Williams on a pretty normal path

Good school in Connecticut-good grades-good test scores

Went from 0-16(9th) to 30-0(senior) as high school wrestler

Upper School Principal at Metairie Park Country Day School

Has commitment to expanding schools community outreach

Devon Parfait (Class of 2022)

Got to Williams on a very different path

Born in Dulac, LA-knew at 12 he would be Chief of tribal community
Public schools in LA - Delgado College in New Orleans

A Williams professor/students saw his potential at a conference

Mentored him – but not originally accepted

Williams offered a path to admissions thru Mystic program

Took full advantage of opportunity, including developing media and GIS projects with the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Focus on tribal community impacts of coastal land loss

Putting to good use in LA working as a Coastal Resilience analyst with Environmental Defense Fund and Mississippi River Delta Coalition

See more about Devon in *The Williams Record* (a great rag!)

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NEW ORLEANS
A COMMUNITY OF HOPE – WILLIAMS INVOLVED